

Attorney Docket No. 03485.0003.NPU**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**☒ Original☐ Supplemental☐ Substitute☐ PCT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below), or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**STAPLE-FORMER IN A STAPLER**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. -- filed on -- and as amended under P Article 19 on -- (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Applications			Priority Claimed		Copy Attached	
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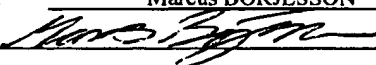
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